(c) what efforts are being made to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The deposit growth rate on a point to point bosis of all Scheduled Commercial Banks was 18.1 per cent during 1985-86 as against 19.2 per cent during the preceding year.

(b) No, Sir. The growth rate of deposits of all Scheduled Commercial Banks during 1986-87 (upto 30-1-1987) was 19.1 per cent as compared to that of 17.4 per cent achieved by banks in the corresponding period of 1985-86;

(c) The growth rate of bank deposits is regularly monitored by Reserve Bank of India, keeping in view the overall growth trends in the economy and the current monetary situation.

Indian Films in the Film Festival held in Delhi

1122. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of films entered by India in the competitive section in the International Film Festival held in Delhi recently;

(b) whether any awards were won by India in the Festival; and

(c) if so, details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) One feature film, four short films and three wildlife documentaries from India were in the Competition Sections of the 11th International Film Festival of India held in Delhi in January, 1987.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Shri Raghuvir Yadav won the Silver Peacock for the Best Actor for his role 'Massey Sahib'.

Mounting Central spending

1123. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Institute of Economic Studies has expressed concern at the mounting Central spending;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Institute has suggested establishment of an expenditure commission to keep an eye on the money spent; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto and what measures are contemplated for economy in Government expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government do not propose to set up an Expenditure Commission. However, the Prime Minister has, while presenting the Central Government's Budget for 1987-88, already announced in Parliament the constitution of a Cabinet Committee on Expenditure to monitor the implementation of various measures which the Government propose to take in this regard.

Amount of Advances to Priority Sector by Banks in Bihar

1124. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of advances given to the priority sector by public sector banks during the last three years in Bihar;